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REQUEST FOR A ONE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)

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Applicants hereby request an extension of time for a period of ONE MONTH to respond to the Office Action dated December 13, 2005. This request is made under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). The period for response has expired on March 13, 2006 and is accordingly requested to be extended to April 13, 2006.

Authorization is hereby given to charge the fees set forth in 37 CFR 1.17 in connection with this petition to Deposit Account No. 05-1068.

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